

## LESSON

**48**

## PRACTICE WORKSHEET A

**Writing Dialogue**

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**Directions:** Read each dialogue passage. Look for errors. Circle the letter of the answer that *best* corrects the mistake.

“I don’t need expensive sneakers to be liked.” said Rodney.

1. **a.** Capitalize the *s* in “said.”
- b.** Move the close-quotation marks after the word “Rodney.”
- c.** Remove the period after “liked.”
- d.** Replace the period after “liked” with a comma.

“Can you at least guess,” Claudia asked, “when you can help me paint the fence?”

Leah thought for a few seconds and said, “maybe next week.”

2. **a.** Add a question mark after “guess” in Claudia’s dialogue.
- b.** Move the question mark outside the quotation marks.
- c.** Capitalize the word “maybe” in Leah’s remark.
- d.** Move the period at the end of the dialogue outside the quotation marks.

“How did you find the little guy?” Kurt asked, cradling the baby raccoon. The animal, soothed by Kurt’s voice, nuzzled under his neck.

“We followed the tracks in the snow,” Cal said, “And there he was.”

3. **a.** Move the question mark outside the quotation marks in Kurt’s dialogue.
- b.** Replace the comma after “snow” with a question mark.
- c.** Move the explanatory words “Cal said” to the beginning of the sentence.
- d.** In the second part of Cal’s dialogue, make “And” lowercase.

## PRACTICE WORKSHEET A, CONTINUED

“When the sun rises, the lake will turn gold,” Ms. Cecelia said softly.  
Anton asked her, “Can we take the canoe out then?”

- 4. a.** Remove the comma at the end of Ms. Cecelia’s dialogue.  
**b.** Replace the comma before Anton’s dialogue with a colon.  
**c.** Start a new paragraph for Anton’s dialogue.  
**d.** Move the question mark outside the quotation marks.

“Don’t move”! shouted the tall firefighter.  
Sam mumbled a frightened reply. “I’ll do my very best but please hurry,”  
was all the boy could say.

- 5. a.** Move the exclamation point inside the quotation marks.  
**b.** Change the exclamation point to a comma.  
**c.** Begin the second paragraph with an open-quotation mark.  
**d.** Change the comma to an exclamation point in the Sam’s reply.